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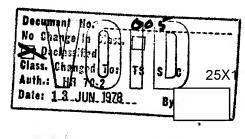
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- The Canton Military Control Commission is making a survey and inspection 1. of American property in Canton. They have received orders to await notice for immediate confiscation.* No reason is known for these expected orders.
- The import trade of all essential commodities is being absorbed by the Canton Military Control Commission, which has delegated the responsibility to the South China Trading Company** of supplying all rice, etc. to food stores in Canton and Kwangtung Province. Independent merchants can still import cigarette maner, caustic soda, and other industrial chemicals.
- Canton is showing signs of tension under the sporadic air raids of the Nationalists. The necessity for a continual alert and other defensive ground activities are doing more damage to the morale of the meople than the bombings.
- Economic tension is increasing; many people are being arrested because they cannot or will not may taxes or public compulsory loans.*

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